

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Why is it certain portions alone are published?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—It is at the discretion of the Government to publish. If they think that these papers could be published without impropriety they will do it. They are always anxious to oblige the House as much as possible. Sometimes it is not possible to do that and therefore Government are constrained to withhold it.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Did our Government conduct any research?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—No, we did not conduct any research work on the subject.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Are we to take it that the information contained in the correspondence, if published, will be critical of any section of the Government? Is it the reason?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—No.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Even if it is published it will be a compliment?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—There is no question of compliment or criticism.

#### Disinfection of commodities transported.

**304. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state;—

(a) who are all the Municipal Bodies or such other bodies who have so far written to our State authorities suggesting strict disinfection of commodities despatched to their stations;

(b) Whether any commodities are being brought into Mattancheri from the above such areas in the ordinary course of business?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—(a) None.

(b) Does not arise in view of answer to (a).

**Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—In the absence of any request from the other municipal authorities and such other bodies, may I know why the Government wanted to disinfect all the commodities in Mattanchery?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—It is in order to prevent the spread of the disease among the public of Mattancherry that this was done.

**Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—Is it the custom in British India and other places to disinfect all the commodities that are stored?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—I have no definite information about all the places. The conditions prevalent in British India itself vary with each place and each authority. There is no strict method which is followed everywhere. Different districts follow different methods.

**Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—May I know in which all ways, these commodities can be disinfected?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—The best method would be the exposure of the contents to the direct rays of the sun.

**Mr. K. G. Nayar.**—What was the method adopted here?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—Sorry, I cannot give the information.

**Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—Do the Government think that disinfection by kerosene emulsion is the only method by which all the commodities can be disinfected?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—Disinfection by kerosene emulsion is one of the methods.

**Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—Whether grains, sugar, rice and all those commodities can be disinfected only by kerosene emulsion?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—No.

**Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—Whether Government is aware that all those merchants who are storing, grains, rice and all these things were pressed to disinfect their commodities by kerosene emulsion?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—I am not aware.

**Mr. K. G. Nayar.**—Were the merchants put to much inconvenience by the process of disinfection?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—It is a matter of opinion.

**Mr. K. G. Nayar.**—Were there any complaints from the merchants that they were inconvenienced a good deal?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—I want notice.

**305. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) if they are aware that the Travancore Government has installed inspection sheds on their border to inspect and disinfect all cargo taken to their territory from Mattancheri;

(b) whether the Government are also aware that even the passengers with their baggage are held up in these sheds and are required to be disinfected;